

DISEASE RESISTANT
TOBACCO VARIETIES
USED IN VIRGINIA

Two disease-resistant, fire-cured tobacco varieties, which are relatively new in Virginia, are among those varieties tobacco farmers can choose for next year's crop.

One of the varieties, developed by the O. G. Smith, N. C. Experiment Station, is resistant to Granville wilt. The plants grow tall with a relatively small stalk, and wide spacing between the leaves. The leaves are rounded at the tip and very broad in proportion to the stalk. The leaves are brittle and tend to break easily. This variety produces high quality tobacco, but yields are usually somewhat lower than other varieties.

Another variety, developed at the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, is similar to Yellow Special in leaf type and field appearance, and equals the latter variety in leaf quality. The chief advantage of these two varieties over established varieties is their high resistance to disease.

level of resistance to mosaic and root rot. They yield about as well as Yellow Special in the absence of mosaic, and are superior in the presence of mosaic.

The leaves of the Vamorr varieties are broad, of medium length and relatively smooth. The tip leaves are noticeably broader and smoother than those of such varieties as Yellow Mammoth, but are shorter in length. The leaf spacing is slightly greater than that for Yellow Mammoth. Plants of Vamorr 48 grow slightly smaller, and the upper leaves stand up straighter than those of Vamorr 50. The yield in pounds of leaf for Vamorr 50 has slightly exceeded that for Vamorr 48.

TOP - DRESSING
PASTURES ADVISED

Top dress for top pastures. That's the advice from W. W. Lewis, Extension agronomist at V. P. L., who says fertilization during the dormant period from now through February will give more grazing next year.

Orchard grass - lespedeza pastures in the coastal plain area should be top-dressed each winter or very early spring with 500 to 700 pounds of 4-12-8 or 4-16-8 fertilizer per acre. If the lespedeza is thin, or there is not enough left to reseed itself, seed 10 pounds of lespedeza to the acre in February or early March.

In the Piedmont and west of the Blue Ridge, orchard grass-lespedeza should be top-dressed every three or four years with 1,000 pounds per acre of 2-12-12, 0-14-7, 4-12-8, or 4-16-8.

Details are available in a new Extension publication, Circular 533 "For Top Pastures, Top-Dress." See your county agent, or write the Agricultural Extension Service at V. P. L., Blacksburg, Va., for a free copy.

HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

Don't throw away chicken or turkey wish bones. Paint them a bright color—with nail polish, aluminum paint, or enamel. Tie with a ribbon to Christmas gifts.

Some homemakers save Christmas

cards from one year to the next to simplify their card lists. If you have such a supply on hand, you have a good source of gift enclosures and greeting tags. Borders, corners, and even parts of the cards can be used. Trim them to eliminate the sender's name, and if possible, leave them folded double, so there'll be plenty of space for your personal greeting.

Here's a way to renew the aroma in your cedar closet or chest—and the dust-clogged pores of the wood with a piece of fine sandpaper.

A "handy chest" made from six empty match boxes will provide a convenient place for many of the small odds and ends which clutter up desk drawers. Glue six boxes together in rows of three each. Cover with wallpaper or fabric, leaving the ends open. Label the drawers according to their contents. A small pull tab pasted to the bottom of the drawer will make easier to use.

Old light bulbs may be painted and used in a cluster of greenery for an attractive table or mantle arrangement.

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECRUITING STATION

The U. S. Coast Guard has opened a new recruiting station in the American Building, 10th and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

Subscription rate: \$2.00 a year. Why not give a subscription as a Christmas gift? It will mean 12 issues of home-town news.

DisSalle points back to some of the price control regulations in ancient Rome, 1,650 years ago.

State had coldest week-end of the winter.

New U. S. Sabre Jets are rushed to Korea in drastic attempt to meet the strong Russian-made planes now being used against UN forces.

British decide to reopen currency market.

THURSDAY

Reforms are being introduced in the new constitution of Singapore.

Rules on citizenship are being introduced in Singapore.

Renew your subscription to the Times-Virginian.

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Southern Conference of the United States is being held in Appomattox.

James J. Braddock is expected to win the fight with Gene Tunney.

Appomattox is a member of the United States.

Famed author is expected to visit Appomattox.

Uraguay is a member of the United States.

Dorothy Dix, the famous author, is expected to visit Appomattox.

Korea is a member of the United States.

Country will continue to be a member of the United States.

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY
IN VIRGINIA

Christmas, Dec. 25. Hundreds of homes in Virginia are preparing to receive guests on Christmas morning. Two gay holiday dances, Sunday the 23rd and Christmas Eve, are scheduled. Many other facilities plan special gifts for their guests.

All in all, the accommodations of the state plan to make those who cannot get home, feel at home.

Throughout the Old Dominion the holiday spirit prevails and with the season comes traditional fine cooking. Special Virginia holiday fare can be had everywhere, but the outstanding feature of a Virginia Christmas is the hospitality and friendliness found everywhere.

EARLY HYBRIDS MAY BE
RESULT OF CORN TESTS

A "good possibility" that hybrids can be grown which will mature 10 days or more before full season hybrids now commonly grown, and which will yield as high or higher if they are planted at a heavy rate, is seen by researchers at Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

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